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SUBJECT: TURKISH CHALLENGE TO UN ON CYPRUS

REF: (A) NICOSIA 3757, (B) ANKARA 8926, (C) STATE 287579

1. UNFICYP ESCORTED GREEK CYPRIOT FARMERS INTO KAIMAKLI ABL
NOV 25. AS OF 1100 LOCAL FARMING WORK IS PROCEEDING. IN
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, UN SENIOR POLITICAL ADVISOR
GORGE SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE DETAILS BUT KAIMAKLI SITUATION IS
"DEFUSED."

2. GORGE SAID THAT "STRATEGIC SITUATION" IS ALSO BRIGHTER
WITH TURKISH SIDE ACCEPTING THAT UNFICYP CAN CARRY OUT ESCORT
ACTIVITIES IF THEY FALL UNDER DEFINITION OF "STATUS QUO."
ESSENTIALLY THIS MEANS THAT TURKS HAVE ACCEPTED UN INTER-
PRETATION OF JULY 22 LETTER (REF B PARA 4) THAT "PAST PRACTICE"
IN ABL MAY BE FOLLOWED. SITUATION IS NOT, AS ORIGINALLY CLAIMED
BY GUVENDIREN, THAT ESCORT ACTIVITIES IN ABL WHICH HAD BEEN
CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO JULY 22, 1976 MUST NOW BE SUBJECT OF
MUTUAL AGREEMENT. THIS MEANS, GORGE SAID, THAT SITUATION IS
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"BRIGHTER".

3. GORGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORTS WITH TURKS.
HE SAID THAT US POSITION "HELPED TO IMPROVE SITUATION." WE ARE
SEEING GORGE NOV 26 TO GET MORE DETAILS ON CURRENT UNDERSTANDINGS
BETWEEN UNFICYP AND TURKISH AUTHORITIES.
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